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title: Need to stop construction of check dams across river Palar.

SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM (NAMAKKAL): Madam, I would like to urge the Government to instruct the State Government of Andhra Pradesh to stop constructing check dams or raising the height of existing ones across Palar river. Andhra Pradesh has planned to increase the height of existing check dams and construct new ones across river Palar and its tributaries, which is a gross violation of the 1892 agreement.

HON. SPEAKER: I will allow him. But first go your seats. Otherwise, I will not allow.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM: This has affected not only the irrigation interests, but also the drinking water supply in northern Tamil Nadu. River Palar is already facing deficit in water supply.

HON. SPEAKER: Please don't show placards. What is this?

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM : Supplies received from river are barely sufficient to meet the existing irrigation demands for an ayacut of over 4.20 lakh acres in the northern districts in Tamil Nadu. In this connection, our hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, *Puratchi Thalivi Amma* has already urged the hon. Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh to stop building of check dams across river Palar. Therefore, I would also urge the hon. Prime Minister to immediately intervene in this issue and take it up with the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh to stop building of check dams across Palar river permanently.

Speaker Madam, this issue has previously been raised in this House earlier by our Members of Parliament, Shri G. Hari and Shri B. Senguttavan from Tamil Nadu, Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER:

Dr. K. Kamaraj,

Shrimati V. Sathyabama are allowed to associate with the matter raised by Shri P.R. Sundaram.

...(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I am requesting all of you to go to your seats. After completing the regular list, I would definitely allow Shri Kharge. I am sorry. Not like this. I will allow Shri Kharge but not like this. I am sorry.

...(*Interruptions*)